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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to any examination on the merits of the accompanying broadened
reissue application, please amend the application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph of the specification at column 1, lines 11-15 to
read as follows:

This invention relates generally to human prostheses, and especially to spinal
column [vertebral] intervertebral disc prostheses. The invention also relates to
surgical procedures for preparing the patient to receive [a vertebral] an intervertebral
disc endoprosthesis, and for implanting that endoprosthesis in the patient's spine.

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